Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter, comprising:

a tubular body having a distal region;

a stop member encircling at least a portion of the circumference of the tubular body, the stop member being slidable along the tubular body;

at least one elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end of the elongate member being coupled to the distal region of the tubular body and the proximal end being directly attached to the stop member; and

wherein the tubular catheter body, stop member and elongate member are configured such that inserting the tubular catheter body into an introducer causes interaction between the stop member and the introducer to pull the elongate member to form a loop in the distal region of the tubular catheter body.

2. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 1, wherein the tubular body includes an inner lumen, an outer surface, and a pair of openings extending between the outer surface and the inner lumen and the coupling of the elongate member to the distal region of the tubular body comprises the elongate member passing through the pair of openings.

3. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 2, wherein the elongate member extends between the ~~ring~~ stop member and the pair of openings along the outer surface of the tubular body.

4 - 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 1, wherein the elongate member comprises a single length of a thread extending between the distal region of the catheter and the ~~ring~~ stop member.

8. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 1, further comprising a connector piece being directly attached to a proximal region of the tubular body.

9. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 1, wherein the distal region of the tubular body defines at least a first stiffness over a substantial portion thereof and a proximal region of the tubular body defines at least a second stiffness over a substantial portion thereof, which second stiffness is less than the first stiffness.

10. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 9, wherein the tubular body defines at least the first stiffness from a distal end thereof to the proximal region defining the second stiffness.

11 - 65. (Cancelled).

66. (Currently Amended) A catheter comprising:

a first elongate member having a distal region;

a protruding member slidably coupled to the first elongate member and extending outward from an outer surface of the first elongate member;

a second elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end of the second elongate member being coupled to the distal region of the first elongate member and the proximal end of the second elongate member being directly attached to the protruding member; and

wherein the protruding member and first and second elongate members are configured such that sliding of the first elongate member relative to the protruding member upon insertion of

the catheter into an introducer pulls the second elongate member to form a loop in the distal region of the first elongate member.

67. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the first elongate member includes an inner lumen, an outer surface, and a pair of openings extending between the outer surface and the inner lumen and the coupling of the second elongate member to the distal region of the first elongate member comprises the second elongate member passing through the pair of openings.

68. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 67, wherein the second elongate member extends between the protruding member and the pair of openings along the outer surface of the first elongate member.

69 - 71. (Cancelled).

72. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the second elongate member comprises a single length of a thread extending between the distal region of the catheter and the protruding member.

73. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, further comprising a connector piece being directly attached to a proximal region of the first elongate member.

74. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the distal region of the first elongate member defines at least a first stiffness over a substantial portion thereof and a proximal region of the first elongate member defines at least a second stiffness over a substantial portion thereof, which second stiffness is less than the first stiffness.

75. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 74, wherein the first elongate member defines at least the first stiffness from a distal end thereof to the proximal region defining the second stiffness.

76. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 1, wherein inserting the tubular catheter body into an introducer causes interaction between the stop member and the introducer to pull the elongate member to form the loop in the distal region of the tubular catheter body.

77. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 1, wherein the length of the elongate member may be adjusted to adjust the degree of advancement required to pull the elongate member to form a loop in the distal region of the tubular catheter body ~~to pull the distal portion of the tubular body into the loop~~.

78. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 1, wherein the loop formed in the distal region of the tubular catheter body includes more than 180 degrees of curvature.

79. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the protruding member is configured to interacts with ~~an~~ the introducer upon insertion of the catheter to cause the first elongate member to slide relative to the protruding member to form the loop; and wherein the protruding member is further configured such that continued interaction with the introducer maintains the formed loop.

80. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the length of the second elongate member is adjustable to adjust the range of sliding of the protruding member along the first elongated member to pull the distal portion of the first elongate member into the loop.

81. (Previously Presented) The catheter of claim 66, wherein the loop formed in the distal region of the first elongate member includes more than 180 degrees of curvature.